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Selectmen's Report.

The taxes assessed for the year 1878 are as follows:

State tax	\$2,060 00
County tax	2,819 59
School tax required by law . .	1,802 50
School tax by vote of town . .	450 00
School House tax Dist. No. 1 . .	100 00
School House tax Dist. No. 10 . .	2 88
School House tax Dist. No. 11 . .	500 00
Town tax	1,500 00
Tax on dogs	73 00
Non-resident highway tax . . .	228 75
Resident highway tax	2,956 26
Per cent added	313 11
	<hr/> \$12,806 09

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Amount of cash in treasury,

March 1, 1878 \$2,976 28

Cash from James C. Taylor balance		
Harriette Taylor legacy	226	42
Cash from Selectmen	11	70
Cash rec'd for use of town hall,	2	00
Savings-bank tax from state treasurer,	1,516	73
Railroad tax from state treasurer,	434	09
Literary fund from state treasurer,	109	89
Cash rec'd for brick,	8	43
Cash from county treasurer,	197	00
Cash from G. C. Bartlett, int.	32	50
Cash from town treasurer,	5	50
Cash from J. R. Clark, error in account,	10	00
Interest on Brown legacy,	5	00
Interest on bank account,	20	50
Cash from collector, list of 1877,	1,215	72
Cash from collector, list of 1878,	8,350	83
Cash from collector, interest on taxes,	15	00
	<hr/>	\$15,137 59

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1878.

STATE TAX.

Paid state tax, \$2,060 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid county tax, \$2,819 59

SCHOOLS.

Paid district No. 1	.	.	\$251 00
2	.	.	535 93
3	.	.	121 18
4	.	.	188 39
5	.	.	126 39
6	.	.	148 32
7	.	.	214 35
8	.	.	188 78
9	.	.	163 71
10	.	.	51 50
11	.	.	236 70
12	.	.	136 57
4 in Hampstead,	10		71
4 " 1877,	11		68
7 in Chester,	8		13
1 sch'l house tax,	100		00
10 " "	2		88
11 " "	500		00
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			\$2,995 92

SNOW PATHS.

Paid Otis A. Drew for 1877,	.	\$2 85
Edward L. Jones 1878,	.	9 32
Albert H. Low, " "	.	8 52

Luther W. Beal, "	1 50
Mark F. Hill, 1877,	3 00
George I. Choate, 1877,	5 62
Cummings W. True, "	6 85
Moses S. Pingree, 1878,	5 00
Joshua G. Hubbard, "	2 50
M. F. Miltimore, 1877, .	5 75
Charles E. Rand, 1878, .	50
William D. Clark, "	1 50
Henry S. Wheeler, "	7 75
Chas. H. Clement, 1876,	6 30
Horace A. Hill, 1878, .	77 43

\$144 39

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Jacob S. Couch, lumber for bridges,	\$5 01
J. R. Clark, laying bridge near J. D. Wooley's, . . .	3 00
Joseph White, labor on highway,	3 93
Albert H. Low, labor on highway,	3 10
Henry N. Bullard labor on highway	11 00
George I. Choate labor on highway	4 00
Charles E. Rand labor on highway	1 72

Alpheus B. Beede labor on highway 1877 . . .	19 25
Amos Chase land damage and moving wall . . .	5 50
George Taylor land dam- age and moving wall,	12 50
Albert H. Low repairs on highway	14 15
Charles Newell plank and labor on bridge near Robert Chase place .	6 50
Joshua G. Hubbard labor on highway	9 00
George Moore labor on highway	9 50
Albert H. Low labor on highway	15 60
Otis A. Drew labor on highway	6 75
Ezekiel E. Currier plank for bridge	5 07
Horace A. Hill labor on highway	5 25
Horne Bros. for plank and stringers for bridge near Wooley's . . .	13 37
Philip Major for bridge stones	3 00
Philip Major for labor on highway	5 00

Jonas Herrick lumber and labor on bridge	5 09	
James Reed labor on high- way and lumber for bridges	24 68	
Christopher Chase land damage	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$197 47

MAINTENANCE OF POOR.

Paid Henry S. Wheeler, wood for Mrs. Humphrey,	\$8 00	
James H. Eaton, wood for Mrs. Humphrey,	2 00	
A. T. Learnard, supplies for Elizabeth Meek,	12 00	
J. E. Webster, supplies for Mrs. Emerson,	1 20	
Pettee & Co., supplies for Misses Corning,	4 38	
Charles Adams, supplies for Misses Corning,	1 75	
Charles Adams, coffin for child of H. Small,	6 50	
Frank D. Pollard, board of Geo. W. Hoyt,	34 72	
Frank D. Pollard, coffin for Geo. W. Hoyt,	7 50	

Henry S. Wheeler, aid for Mrs. Emerson, . . .	5 06
D. F. Ordway, supplies for Joseph F. Coombs, . . .	50 00
Hiram C. Matthew, boots for John Holmes, 1877, . . .	3 00
James F. Brown, attend- ance on J. F. Coombs, . . .	17 00
George Moore, shoes for Esther Corning, . . .	1 75
Chas. Adams, coffin for Mrs. Quimby, . . .	10 00
Gayton O. Reynolds wood for Geo. Alexander . . .	22 00
Chas. Adams coffin for Quimby child . . .	6 00
Ezekiel E. Currier, wood for J. F. Coombs, . . .	2 00
Frank W. Parker goods for Misses Corning . . .	2 12
Frank W. Parker, goods for Mrs. Emerson, . . .	4 24
Henry S. Wheeler, aid to George Mitchell, . . .	1 50
G. O. Reynolds, care Geo. Alexander, . . .	52 00
James H. Eaton, care N. S. Sheldon, . . .	74 00
L. Chase, care Esther Corning, . . .	159 00

Amos Chase, care Mary J. Corning,	96 14	
Benjamin E. Woodman, attendance on Adaline Corning,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$589 86

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.

Paid Mark F. Hill 1877 . . .	\$1 75	
" " 1878 . . .	2 50	
Edward G. Shute 1877 . . .	1 65	
George K. Whitney 1877 . . .	1 75	
Robert W. Adams 1877 . . .	3 45	
George I. Choate 1878 . . .	16 00	
James H. Eaton 1878 . . .	2 75	
Charles E. Rand 1878 . . .	8 25	
Henry S. Wheeler 1877 . . .	3 50	
James E. Morrill, 1877-8. . .	3 75	
Charles Newell, 1877, . . .	2 00	
Joshua G. Hubbard, 1877, . .	4 00	
Otis A. Drew, 1878, . . .	5 25	
Horace A. Hill, 1878, . . .	2 30	
Isaac Chase, 1878, . . .	10 25	
John Hemphill,	3 60	
Gayton O. Reynolds, . . .	14 25	
Henry S. Wheeler,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$190 25

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles C. Johnson audi-		
tor,	2	00
Isaac S. Jones, constable,	7	00
Wm. W. Poor, moderator,	5	00
John E. Webster, select-		
man, 1877,	10	00
Joseph R. Clark, select-		
man, 1877,	12	65
George Moore, select-		
man, 1877,	3	50
George Moore, select-		
man, 1878,	66	25
Joseph R. Clark, select-		
man, 1878,	120	40
Henry S. Wheeler, select-		
man, 1878,	93	00
Henry O. Hill, school		
committee,	45	00
Frank W. Parker, town		
clerk,	20	00
Fred'k J. Shepard, treas-		
urer,	25	00
Gayton O. Reynolds, col-		
lector, 1877,	10	00
Gayton O. Reynolds, col-		
lector, 1878,	120	00
Wm. W. Poor, selectman		
on road petition, . .	4	00
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		\$543 80

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Paid John B. Clarke, printing		
town reports, 1877, .	\$45 00	
Charles Bartlett, printing		
tax bills,	3 85	
Temple & Farrington,		
invoice book,	1 25	
Joseph R. Clark, books		
and postage,	2 38	
	<hr/>	\$52 48

TRAMPS.

Paid George Richards, 101		
tramps,	\$36 73	
Henry S. Wheeler, 3		
tramps,	1 05	
	<hr/>	\$37 78

ABATEMENTS

Paid James Spollett on list '77	\$ 52
Wm. Butterfield "	1 80
Wm. Butterfield on list '78	1 40
Moses Noble "	9 80
Geo. K. Whitney "	7 00
John H. Dunlap "	1 90
Franklin Hardy "	5 25
James Taylor "	1 40

Tenney Major list of '78	2 00	
G. O. Reynolds “	63 03	
G. O. Reynolds '77	37 58	
George Shute '78	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$133 18

GRAVE YARD.

Paid George Richards, sexton	\$46 70	
Geo. W. Bachelder tolling bell	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$49 20

LIBRARY.

Paid J. R. Clark, wood box for library	\$2 00	
J. R. Clark, setting glass in library	50	
Frank W. Parker, ink and paper	10	
Elizabeth F. Billings li- brarian	125 00	
James C. Taylor, balance		
Taylor legacy	226 42	
	<hr/>	\$354 02

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Jane E. N. Clendennin,		
interest,	\$25 00	
Samuel Nowell, interest,	55 00	
James Webster, “	50 00	
James Nowell, “	360 00	
Sarah E. Whidden, “	5 00	
George Warner, “	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$545 00

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid George Richards, care		
town house,	\$20 00	
J. R. Clark, wood for town	5 50	
Frank W. Parker, for oil,		
brooms, wicks, chim-		
nies, chandeliers, brack-		
et and lamps,	18 03	
Henry N. Bullard, wood,	8 00	
Ellsworth H. Carleton,		
sky light,	2 65	
	<hr/>	\$54 18

BOUNTIES.

Paid George Moore	\$5 70	
Henry S. Wheeler bounty		
on six foxes and eleven		
hawks	5 20	

J. R. Clark, bounty on four foxes and four hawks .	2 80
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 13 70

 MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Henry S. Wheeler setting guide post	\$1 37
J. R. Clark, telegram to E. Quimby	50
J. R. Clark time and ex- pense to Concord to set- tle state tax	4 20
J. R. Clark, paid S. N. Bell legal opinion	3 00
Isaiah A. Dustin, service as sheriff,	5 00
Osman C. Bailey, land damage,	90 00
George Richards, horse to attend funeral,	50
George Richards, time and expense of team, carrying body of Geo. Hoyt,	6 00
O. D. Couch, land dam- age,	20 00
Laura S. Taylor, land dam- age,	75 00

Joseph R. Clark, time and expense to Exeter to settle pauper claim, .	6 00
Alden B. Smith, horse and carriage for county commissioners, . . .	4 00
H. C. Matthews, land damage, . . .	50 00
Henry O. Hill, truant notices, . . .	75
W. S. Pillsbury, costs road hearing, . . .	105 96
Chas. H. Sargent, water- ing place, . . .	3 00
L. P. Brickett, land dam- age at horse hill, .	5 00
George W. Evans, repair- ing pound, 1877, .	1 35
David S. Clark, certificate of births and deaths, .	8 75
J. R. Clark, scales and weights, . . .	40 00
Chas. H. Clark, 2d, land damage, . . .	10 00
David C. Palmer, guide boards, . . .	1 50
Geo. Shute, committee on Brown fund, . . .	7 40
Seneca Pettee, committee on Brown fund, . . .	25 93

Benj. E. Woodman, re-
turn of births, . . . 50

\$475 71

BROWN FUND.

Paid Joseph White, picking stone,	\$2 00
Wm. Reynolds, picking stone	3 00
Morrill C. Bartlett, pick- ing stone,	2 50
Samuel Adams, picking stone,	2 00
Alvin J. Chase, picking stone,	3 00
David G. Greene, picking stone,	1 00
James Taylor, picking stone,	3 00
Jonas Herrick, picking stone,	2 00
Geo. O. Drake, picking stone,	2 00
Charles Newell, picking stone,	2 00
James Bonner, picking stone, 1877,	1 50

\$24 00

SUMMARY.

State tax,	\$2,060 00
County tax,	2,819 59
Schools,	2,995 92
Snow paths,	144 39
Roads and Bridges.	197 47
Maintenance of the poor,	589 86
Non-resident highway tax re- ceipts,	190 25
Town officers,	543 80
Books and Stationary,	52 48
Tramps,	37 78
Abatements,	133 18
Grave yard,	49 20
Library,	354 02
Notes and interest'	545 00
Town house,	54 18
Bounties,	13 70
Miscellaneous,	475 71
Trust funds,	24 00
	<hr/> \$11,280 53

GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, COLLECTOR.

DR.

To balance uncollected taxes,	
list of 1877,	\$1,215 72
amount of tax lists, 1878,	9,849 83
	<hr/> \$11,065 55

Cr.

By amount paid treasurer, list	
of 1877,	\$1,215 72
amount paid treasurer list	
of 1878,	8,350 83
amount uncollected taxes	
on list of 1878,	1,499 00
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	\$11,065 55

BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY.

Dr.

To amount of funded debt, .	\$1,000 00
amount of notes payable, .	10,200 00
amount of int. due March 1, .	128 33
amt. due school dist. No. 1, .	148 53
“ “ “ 2, .	50 00
“ “ “ 8 .	73 89
“ “ “ 4, .	
in Salem,	10 62
amount due Emma C. Boyd, .	
land damage,	50 00
amount due Mehitable R. .	
Arnold, land damage, . .	75 00
amount due Randolph R. .	
Merrick, land damage, . .	10 00
amount due Christopher .	
Chase, land damage, . .	5 50
amount due Amos Chase, .	8 00

amount due Lorenzo Chase,	12 00	
amount unpaid for picking stones,	7 50	
amount due trust fund, . .	1,000 00	
amount outstanding orders,	23 40	
	<hr/>	\$12,802 77

CR.

By amount of uncollected taxes,	\$1,499 00	
amount of trust funds, . .	1,000 00	
amount due from J. L. Cun- ningham, for brick, . . .	5 76	
amount outstanding orders, 1877, paid,	17 32	
amount of cash in treasury,	3,857 06	
Bal. amt. of town debt,	6,423 63	
	<hr/>	\$12,802 77

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. CLARK,	}	<i>Selectmen of Derry.</i>
GEORGE MOORE,		
HENRY S. WHEELER,		

Derry, March 1, 1879.

DERRY, March 1, 1879.

I hereby certify that I have with care examined the town accounts as presented by the selectmen. I find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON, *Auditor.*

FREDERICK J. SHEPARD, TREASURER, IN
ACCT. WITH TOWN OF DERRY.

DR.

Received R. H. Clark, cash, .	\$2,548	37
Balance Taylor legacy, .	226	42
Railroad tax, . . .	434	09
Savings bank tax, . . .	1,516	73
Literary fund, . . .	109	89
County,	197	00
Selectmen,	37	63
Interest on taxes, . . .	15	00
Interest on money at bank,	20	50
Int. on Brown legacy, .	37	50
Tax list 1877,	1,215	72
" 1878,	8,350	83
Brown legacy,	500	00
	<hr/>	\$15,209 68

CR.

Paid selectmen's orders, 1877,	\$17	32
" " 1878,	11,257	13
Brown legacy,	500	00
Cash on hand,	3,435	23
	<hr/>	\$15,209 68

I also received of Robert H. Clark, former treasurer, Derry saving bank book No. 369, face value \$427.91, and book No. 434, Nowell legacy, face value \$500.00, the same being liable to a reduction of 25

per cent., as per order of the bank commissioners,
Dec. 1877,

FREDERICK J. SHEPARD, *Treas.*

DERRY, March 1, 1879.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the treasurer's account. I find it correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

C. C. JOHNSON, *Auditor.*

TRUST FUNDS.

TOWN OF DERRY.

Dr.

To amount of Sylvanus Brown legacy, . . .	\$500 00	
amount of interest on same for 1878, . . .	37 50	
amount of int. unexpended, 1877, . . .	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$539 00
		Cr.

By amount of legacy, . . .	\$500 00	
amount paid for removing stones from highways and watering places, . . .	24 00	
Balance unexpended, . . .	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$539 00

TOWN OF DERRY.

Dr.

To amount of Parmelia Nowell legacy, . . .	\$500 00
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amount of accrued interest,	71 25	
	<hr/>	\$571 25
		CR.
By amount of legacy,	\$500 00	
amount of int. unexpended,	71 25	
	<hr/>	\$571 25
	<hr/>	
TOWN OF DERRY.		DR.
To amount of Harriet Taylor		
legacy,		\$226 42
		CR.
By amount paid trustees of		
library,		\$226 42

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF FLANNEL ACCOUNT.

The flannel purchased by the Trustees for distribution the past year, was of such quality, and kinds as were recommended by the Selectmen, and the quantity has been sufficient to meet recommendations of the Selectmen, who have distributed said flannel as follows :

To sixty-four males, ten yards each, . . .	640
To ninety-five females twelve yards each . .	1140
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Total amount distributed, yards . . .	1780
Number of persons receiving the same . .	159

THE TAYLOR LIBRARY.

To the Selectmen of Derry—

The trustees submit herewith the reports of the librarian and treasurer. Since the opening of the library, Feb. 23, 1878, a very gratifying interest has been shown by the public, as will be seen by the report of the librarian. A catalogue of the books is now being printed, and will be completed at an early day.

D. S. CLARK,	} Trustees.
J. C. TAYLOR,	
F. W. PARKER.	
J. W. BEAN,	
BENJ. CHASE, JR.	

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Taylor Library—

Since Feb. 23, 1878, the Library has been open for the delivery of books, 101 days. During the year 11,656 books have been lent, averaging 115 per day. Number of books in Library, . . . 1215

Number of books presented to the Library	59	
Number of cards issued,	686	
Amount of money received from fines,	\$22	96
Paid for stationery,	\$2	89
for express	1	10
printing,	1	25
	<hr/>	\$5 24
Balance paid to treasurer,	\$17	72
E. F. BILLINGS, <i>Librarian.</i>		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES C. TAYLOR IN ACCOUNT WITH TAYLOR LIBRARY.

DR.

To cash received from town of		
Derry,	\$1,000	00
cash received from the libra-		
rian,	17	72
	<hr/>	\$1,017 72
		CR.

By paid Lee & Shepard for		
books,	\$990	84
Mercantile Library Associa-		
tion for books,	7	50
for History of Londonderry,	4	00
for record book,	3	00
Cash in treasury,	12	38
	<hr/>	\$1,017 72
JAMES C. TAYLOR, <i>Treas.</i>		

SCHOOL REPORT.

The school committee respectfully submit the following report to the citizens of Derry:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The school in this district was kept the whole year by Miss Mary A. Morse, who, in this school, has sustained her former good record as a teacher. Owing to sickness among the scholars during the fall term, the percentage of attendance was small. On the roll of honor appear the names of eleven different pupils, who were neither absent nor tardy during a term, and of three whose attendance was perfect for the entire year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

At the beginning of the last school year the school in this district was divided. Owing to the small size and nature of the school rooms the scholars had to be divided as equally as possible between the two rooms, so no systematic grading of the schools was attempted. The smaller children were under the care of Miss Julia I. Underhill, during the first term. She made the time spent in the school-room pleasant

and profitable to her scholars. Miss Carrie Clark was employed as teacher for the remainder of the year. Miss Clark is an energetic, faithful teacher, and knows how to keep her pupils interested in their work.

The older scholars have been under the instruction of Miss Lucinda T. Carlton, who taught the school in this district last year. Good order and prompt recitations are characteristic of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The teacher both terms was Miss Belle McGregor, who showed in this, her first school, that she possessed the elements of a good teacher, being thorough, patient and persevering. Under her instruction the scholars made good progress in all their studies, and especially in reading.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Ella A. White had charge of this school during the entire year, and proved herself an excellent teacher. Her scholars were always orderly and studious, and their recitations showed a thorough knowledge of the work passed over. In punctuality of attendance, this is the first school in town, thirteen names are on the Roll of Honor, and two scholars were neither absent nor tardy during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Lucy M. Morse taught the summer term and Miss Helen F. Merrill the Winter term.

Miss Morse is a successful teacher. She throws all her energy into her work, and inspires her pupils with an interest in their studies that insures rapid advancement and a thorough understanding of their lessons. The primer class deserves praise for the progress made during the term. Miss Merrill brought to the school-room the fruits of several years' experience as a teacher, and good results were expected and are to be seen. The progress of this school the past year has been excellent.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Emma J. Hill taught the first term. This was Miss Hill's first experience as a teacher and her work was satisfactory.

The fall term was kept by Miss Amanda B. Nichols, an excellent teacher. Her school was always in order and prompt recitations were the rule.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Hattie F. Ring taught both the summer and the fall terms. Judging from Miss Ring's record as a teacher, made in other districts, we expected a successful school in this district, and we think it would have been if the teacher had had the hearty co-operation of the parents. For some reason this was denied her, and she lost control of her scholars, who became very disorderly. The scholars made fair progress in their studies and we are convinced that Miss Ring performed her work as well as circumstances would permit.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Miss Annie I. Hammond, a former teacher in this school, was engaged for the summer term. Under her instruction the school made fair progress. More attention should have been given to discipline.

The fall term was taught by Miss Anna F. Choate, A visit at the beginning of the term showed the school well organized, and in good working condition. Your committee was unable to visit the school at its close, but Miss Choate's work appears to have been satisfactory to the district.

Mr. Fred. Sefton is keeping the winter term. It is to be regretted that so many scholars have absented themselves from the school this term. Those who have attended regularly have made fair progress.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Under the instruction of Miss Lizzie Montgomery, teacher for the summer term, the school made excellent progress. The school, though small, was thoroughly interested in its work.

The fall term was kept by Miss Nellie Montgomery, and was a profitable one to her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Margaret Jackson, teacher for the year, has the largest number of pupils under her care of any of the teachers in town. This is her first school, and in the management of it she has shown herself well qualified for the vocation of teacher. The school was always orderly, and the recitations satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss Mary D. Webster, teacher for the year, is a lady of experience in teaching. Her work in this school was thorough. Whatever the pupils were taught, we believe they will never forget, so thorough was their drill in all their studies.

The progress in the schools for the past year has been good, yet there is room for improvement. Teachers should not confine themselves, in teaching, to the few facts given in text books. Show the scholar that the few disconnected ideas which he gains from his school-books, however valuable they may be in themselves, are yet more valuable as nuclei around which to gather other ideas. Assist him by talking of the subjects treated of in his school-books and encourage him to find everything he can on those subjects from his friends, and from every source possible. Awaken his interest, and make each study a living reality.

Reading is the most neglected of all the common school studies. Where we find one scholar who can read intelligibly, we find ten working in cube root. The reading in the school room is usually monotonous and without meaning. Few scholars, after reading a piece, can give, in their own words, its meaning. Reading lessons should be studied until they are thoroughly comprehended. Then the teacher should drill the class thoroughly on the inflection, emphasis, and tone necessary to bring out the full and

exact meaning. Every historical and biographical allusion should be talked over and understood.

Parents, upon you depends in no slight degree the success or failure of a school. Strive as hard as you please, in your school-meetings to elect your favorite candidates, but when a committee is elected and a teacher engaged, then unite in aiding and supporting her. Don't find fault with her on hearsay. Visit her school, and by personal inspection find the faults, but don't forget to notice the excellencies. Show her kindly where you think the school might be improved, and remember to bestow praise where it belongs. A short visit to the school from each parent in the district would be time well spent. Show your interest in the school by giving your children a little assistance on their lessons, and a few words of praise and encouragement.

During the past year, each school in town has been supplied with a map of this state, and the teachers were instructed to teach their pupils something of their own state. The time since their introduction has been so short that little has been done, but, if used rightly, the maps will be of great value to the schools. Your committee, since his first connection with the schools of this town, has felt that a change of readers would be beneficial. The Hillard Readers had been used so long that the scholars had lost their interest in them. After a careful examination of several series of readers, your committee decided that the Franklin Readers were best suited to the wants of the schools of

this town, and they were therefore adopted. The division of the school in district No. 2, has produced good results, but another room should be provided for one of the schools, as the present school-rooms are too small for health or convenience. The people of district No. 11 are to be congratulated on their pleasant and convenient new school house. They will find children educated there will be better scholars, and truer gentlemen and ladies than they would have been if educated in the close, dark and unpleasant old school-room. When the schools now keeping have finished, there will have been about 325 weeks of school during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY O. HILL, *School Committee.*

DERRY, Feb. 28, 1879.

Dist. No.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	No. of weeks in term.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Amt. school money.	Prudential Committee.
1	Sum. Fall.	\$28 00	6	26	25	\$399 91	E. L. Jones
1	Win.	32 00	12	22	14		
1	Sum.	32 00	17	25	22		
2	Sum. Fall.	28 00	10	30	26	493 66	Seneca Pettee.
2	Win.	28 00	10-4-5	24	20		
2	Sum.	28 00	13	26	23		
2	Sum. Fall.	28 00	10	29	26		
2	Win.	28 00	11	28	21		
2	Win.	28 00	12	23	19		
3	Sum.	20 00	10	17	15	121 18	George W. Ballou.
3	Fall.	20 00	17	18	16		
4	Sum.	25 00	9-2-5	19	18	188 39	F. H. Bartlett.
4	Fall.	25 00	7	19	18		
4	Win.	28 00	10	18	16		
4	Win.	22 00	6	25	22	126 39	Eben Woodbury.
5	Sum.	26 00	14	25	23		
5	Win.	22 00	7	24	20	143 32	Hazen W. Spollet.
6	Sum.	21 00	19	23	21		
6	Fall.	27 00	12	32	28	214 35	Jonas Herrick.
7	Sum.	27 00	17	32	25		
7	Fall.	29 00	12	19	14	262 37	A. J. Seavey.
8	Sum.	29 00	6	19	17		
8	Fall.	32 00	12	10	8		
8	Win.	24 00	10	11	9	163 71	John C. Rowell.
9	Sum.	24 00	15	12	8		
9	Fall.	24 00	11	37	32	236 70	Warren Bly.
11	Sum.	24 00	6-3-5	44	42		
11	Fall.	30 00	9-2-5	43	34		
11	Win.	30 00	10	15	14		
12	Sum.	24 00	11-3-5	15	11	126 87	James Rogers.
12	Fall.	24 00					

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